

The Department of Meteorology  
Christmas Production

Working Title

**BLAH WARS**

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# CAST LIST

In order of the number of lines you are likely to forget.

LUKE HADLEY-SKY-WALKER –  
PRINCESS LAYER-CLOUD –  
OB KEN-SPIERS KANOBI –  
CAPTAIN RG BERKS –  
PV KNIGHT 1 –  
PV KNIGHT 2 –  
PV KNIGHT 3 –  
NARRATOR –  
SPOCTREGAR –  
SCOTTY –  
SWIPC-3P0 –

DARTH VALDEZ –  
PRINCIPLE INTEROGATER 1 –  
PRINCIPLE INTEROGATER 2 –

OTHERS –

scene 1

get to know the rebels and hopefully the  
plot

## Scene 2

**The middle scene that probably  
involves training PV-Knights**

# Scene 3

## The final ass-kicking scene

The concluding part : The evil forces of the Bracknellian Empire have moved the DGCM their weapon of mass destruction near to the Planet Newbuilding and plan a devastating assault on the rebels home world to rid it of all weather (well at least when the cray time becomes available, these bloody paelo-bombers wanting to know what blowing up planets of the past would have been like, and how similar it is to blowing present day planets up, who cares ?!) ..ah sorry where was I ? ... yes the DGCM is ready for the devastating attack, the rebel forces are hard at work on the planet figuring out the best course of action.

*PV-Knight one is sat down at a table with a piece of paper and a pen and looking at a chart gathering information from it. PV-Knight one and three strolls in to see what he's doing.*

**PVK1**

What you doin' ?

**PVK2**

(very defencively, and shielding his paper) Never you mind.

**PVK1**

Oh I know what you're doing, you're entering the current disaster game aren't you ?

**PVK2**

I might be.

**PVK1**

Show us what you've put then ?

**PVK2**

No you'll copy.

**PVK1**

No I won't I promise, anyway it won't make any difference' cause I've already entered this week. Come on what have you put for the number of rebel base destructions ?

**PVK2**

(sheepishly) 3 ?

**PVK3**

(laughing) 3 ! Are you serious ? there was 5 in one day last week and that was all on one planet, there's another 10 bases on that planet which are bound to be destroyed soon, negative points for you hoo this week!!

**PVK2**

No! no ! not necessarily I think I've got a good chance with the nuclear fallout total for the weekend.

**PVK3**

Which planet was it for I can't remember now ?

**PVK2**

Er the planet ECMWURanus. I've put down 12000 becquerels 'cause there was a nuclear war and two reactor melt-downs there just two weeks ago.

**PVK3**

Yeah I think that's what I put, anyway what about the usual tricky one that's dead unpredictable, and no-one ever gets right (PVK2 shakes his head unknowingly) you know the number of disease epidemics on the planet OSLOnia.

**PVK2**

(with sudden realisation) Oh yeah I mean what is it with that planet. Some weeks it seems a dead cert that they'll at least have an outbreak of cholera, dysentery and malaria and then low and behold the government takes measures to improve the quality of the water supply and then hey presto not one single epidemic. I'm always getting negative score for that one.

**PVK3**

Anyway I've played safe on that one this week and just gone for the one minor smallpox outbreak.

**PVK2**

Yeah that seems reasonable I think I'll go for that (*scribbles things down*). Well better get my entry logged into the Nebula Net interface.

**PVK1**

Oh no you don't do it like that anymore !

**PVK2**

What do you mean, why how do you do it now then ?

**PVK1**

Well apparently you have to copy your answers down onto a piece of scrap paper and put it in that cardboard box over there.

**PVK2**

Blimey ! these techno-freaks they can't leave anything alone can they ? Always having to update everything. Oh and they won't be happy up there on the JCM Menterprize

you know (*in sarcastic voice*) 'we can't get hold of pens and paper up here' that's what they'll say, they will.

*There is the sound of people approaching from stage left.*

### **PVK1**

Shhh someones coming, quick look like we're actually doing something ready for the attack.

*Luke and Layer approach from stage left followed by RG Berks and swipc-3P0. Layer paces uncomfortably.*

### **Princess Layer-Cloud**

Luke the DGCM has already moved into position, performed the reconfiguration step and assimilated data from half the planet, what are we going to do ? we don't have much time

### **Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Don't worry I think I may have an idea. Troops loyal to your heiness have infiltrated the distant empire outpost of Hadley Centuria, obtained secret internal reports of the DGCM and managed to hide them in my trusty droid swipc-3P0. Sadly many careers were lost to the dark side in order to obtain this vital information.

### **swipc-3p0 (scouse accent optional)**

Yes Luke I have them here in my state of the art data banks.

*3p0 pulls a Hadley Centre technical report from under his jumper.*

### **Princess Layer-Cloud**

Is there any way we can stop the DGCM ?

### **Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

I've looked at the reports very closely and although they're written in terrible English contain far too many uncaptioned figures and they're numbered with some bizzare system that is complete nonsense, I think there may be a way to infiltrate the DGCM with our virus.

*Luke and layer have a conference around a small table laying out the technical reports under the light of a small lamp, pointing at various intervals. Could borrow a technical report or some UM documentation.*

### **Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Your assessment please Cap Berks

### **Captain Berks**

The reports seem to indicate as suggested in OB Ken-Spiers Kanobi seminar that a

glitch in their parameterisation scheme and one in particular, the gravity wave drag appears to be very suspect and subject to frequent failure.

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

How can we use this to our advantage then ?

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Well it's a long shot but if we can somehow intensify the convection over here using Spoctregar's virus (*Luke points to an arbitrary point*) then the gravity wave drag scheme will not be able to cope with the massive upward momentum transfer and crash the whole DGCM !

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

How do you know it will work ?

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

I don't but hey the met office have had that problem for years !

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

I think this is the time to send in our newly trained PV-Knights as X-Pilots, they are our only hope for survival. If they don't act soon then we're doomed.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

No Layer we cannot be too hasty, condition must be absolutely perfect in order that we have the best possible chance for success. Captain you've been out there in the nebula, what's your forecast of the best time to attack.

*The captain stands in front of a poster board with tv weather type maps and will proceed to give a TV type forecast but for equivalent inter-stella conditions.*

**Captain RG Berks**

Well Luke this afternoon will see temperatures rising to a pleasant 3.2K in the centre nebula, but on-planet solar winds will keep temperatures in the outer nebula down to a cool 3.1K so be careful of the patchy dry ice in the inter-galactic expressway. There will be persist-ant meteor showers around the planet's Hadley Centuri, and ECMWranus so be sure not to forgot your lead umbrella.

As we are just three days before the perihelion you can expect burn times of the inner nebula to be of the order 20 or 30 ... micro seconds so slap on that factor 50..000 sun lotion if you intend to be catching some rays.

Lighting up times are as usual, all the time on the dark side of the non rotating planet NERCury, and if you're thinking of taking an inter galactic trip this weekend well the Costa black hole is looking like the place to be, but as usual there probably won't be room to move especially near the resort of singularity.

Well that's all from me now back to the studio ..er Anthea ..er Luke.



**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Err.. thank you captain (*turning towards Luke*) I think the time is right PV Knights to your ships, and the DGCM !

*The three PV-Knights disappear off stage to prepare for battle followed by Luke. Princess layer looks surprised.*

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Luke what are you doing ?

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Don't worry my princess my place is out there in the thick of the routines, fighting on the side of good against the tyranny of evil. I know your life will barely be worth living if I don't make it back, and you will probably consider suicide, but you must not cry just tell the world how brave I was in battling the dark side.

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Oh I didn't mean that, I was just going to make sure you didn't forget your helmet.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

*(looking a bit stunned)* Oh yeah right thanks, come on 3P0 lets go.

**swipc-3P0**

Ok master Luke.

*3P0 proceeds to walk the wrong way.*

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

3P0 where are you going it's this way !

**swipc-3P0**

Sorry Captain, it's this dodgy Australian met service advection scheme that you've programmed into me, I'm having trouble with their sign convention

ACT II

**Narrator**

The 3 PV knights and Luke head towards the Bracknellian empire. They get a little held up on the inter-galactic expressway, and have trouble negotiating the ring-planet orbiting system, but luckily manage to get to the empires headquarters to try and stop the DGCM.

Our heros and heroine sneak in and narrowly avoid being seen by someone official looking wearing a brown flanelette suit with matching under-pants.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

We must find out where they control the DGCM from, time is precious !

*There a sound of someone approaching off stage.*

**PVK 1**

Quick hide everyone !

*Everyone rushes to hide and manages to do so except PVK1. A storm trooper walks in and spots PVK1*

**ST1**

Who are you ? and where's your security pass ?

**PVK1**

Errm I think I've left it in my office, sorry I'm new I've only been here a week.

**ST1**

You're new, well why didn't you say so, you probably haven't had the tour yet have you ?

**PVK1**

The tour ?

**ST1**

Yes the tour ! *(ST1 puts his/her arm around PVK1 and leads him/her off stage)*

Yes, we'll start at the bottom floor with the department that used to make the small sticky symbols for TV forecasts, and work our way to the top and the department that provides forecasts Albanian hill farmers. Should only take a couple of weeks.

*PVK1 is lead off stage looking horrified whilst the others come out of hiding.*

**PVK2**

What a way to go, another soul lost to the dark side !

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Casualties of war, we must find a terminal to down-load our virus. swipc-3P0 can you interface with the central GCM and locate the DGCM routines ?

**swipc-3P0**

No problem Luke !

*swipc-3P0 puts his hand in some kind of socket.*

**swipc-3P0**

Searching ..... Found ..... Lunchtime menu .... Canteen ..... It's fish today.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

No that's not it you stupid droid, keep going !

**SWIPC-3P0**

Searching ..... Found .....The Isobar..... Special offer ....Buy one geostrophic sunrise get a second free.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Suffering Static-Stability find something useful will you !  
*Again there is some noise from off stage.*

**PVK2**

Someones coming again, No time to hide, just look like we actually work here.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

3P0 make yourself look like a sun workstation.  
*Everyone makes attempts at looking like they are working and SWIPC-3P0 makes like a sun workstation whilst Luke taps away on him.*  
*Stormtrooper 2 walks in.*

**ST2**

We're having a game of team X-pilots and we're looking for a couple of people to make up numbers, any volunteers ?  
*PVK2 and 3 ponder a while wondering whether it is more important to save their planet or make up the numbers for a game of team X-pilots. Obviously there is no competition and run off stage following the stormtrooper.*

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Well there's loyalty for you ! It's just me and you now rusty er trusty droid. Lets find those DGCM routines and get out of here !

**swipc-3P0**

Searching ..... Found .....DGCM routines.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

At last now all of newbuilding will be safe ! Never again will we be threatened by the commercial interests, glossy pamphlets and flux correction schemes of the dark sides.  
*Luke goes to insert the disk, but Valdez walks in with a light sculpture and goes to attack !*

**Darth Valdez**

I have you now postgraduate one !  
*Layer and Ken Kanobi appear on stage*

**Princess Layer Cloud**

Luke, look out !

*Luke and swipc-3P0 manage to avoid being hit by Valdes and run over to Layer and Kanobi, Valdez probably get's his sculpture stuck in something !*

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Layer, Ken, what are you doing here ?

**Luke Obi-Ken Kanobi**

We thought you could do with some help

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

And you've forgotten your lunch, you know how your bowels play up if you don't eat regularly.

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

No time for that now, what are we gonna do about Valdes.

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Oh yeah look at the size of his light sculpture !

**Obi Ken Kanobi**

Don't worry Luke I had a feeling that this would happen when the mean monthly barometric pressure maximum turned out to be the seventh highest for 15 years, so I bought along one of newbuilding's sacred light sculptures as well.

**Darth Valdes**

You didn't seriously think that you and your measly academics could beat the better funded dark side did you ?

*A fight ensues*

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Be careful with the light sculpture Luke, it cost us a fortune !

*Luke starts to lose*

**Luke Sky-Hadley-Walker**

Look a circum-polar arc on a cirrus cloud with fall streaks.

**Darth Valdes**

*Looking up* I didn't know you could get them this time of year.

*Luke lunges and fatally wounds Valdes*

**Darth Valdes**

Aaarrgh ! Tricked by a mere PhD student

**Obi Ken Kanobi**

Well done Luke the old circum-polar arc fake, gets 'em every time ! I've taught you well.

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Now lets see the defeated Valdes under the mask.

*Layer takes off the mask and everyone looks with anticipation*

**All**

Belchina !!!!?????

*Belchina leaps up from the floor*

**Belchina/Valdes**

Yes it's me ! and again I would have got'n away with it if is wasn't for you pesky academics !

*Belchina cackles and runs off stage, while everyone looks shocked*

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Well all's well again in the meteorological universe.

**Luke Hadley-Sky-Walker**

Well not quite ?!

**Princess Layer-Cloud**

Why what else is there ?.... Oh no you don't mean ..... Surely you're not serious ?

**Luke-Hadley-Walker**

It is the end of the play ?

**Princess-Layer-Cloud**

We're going to sing aren't we ?

**Luke-Hadley-Walker**

A song, what a great idea Princess !!!!

AAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRGGGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHH  
!!!!!!!!!!